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SUBJ: INDONESIAN VIEW OF SULU DISPUTE AND MUSTAPHA VISIT TO
JAKARTA.

REF: JAKARTA 3300

B. JAKARTA 1999

1. ACCORDING RELIABLE JAKARTA DAILY KOMPAS, FOREIGN
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ON MARCH 26 THAT INDONESIA'S
DIFFERENCES WITH LIBYA REGARDING PHILIPPINE MOSLEM
ISSUE ARE DUE TO THREE FACTORS: A) INDONESIA IS NOT AN
"ISLAMIC STATE" AND WOULD PREFER TO SEE THIS PHRASEOLOGY
REPLACED OR AUGMENTED BY WORDING SUCH AS "STATE
WITH MOSLEM POPULATION;" B) INDONESIA DID NOT WANT
PHILIPPINE MOSLEM AFFAIRS DISCUSSED AT BANGAZI, AS MALIK
HAD TRIED TO PERSUADE LIBYAN ENVOY ALI TARIQUIE (REF B);
C) INDONESIA BELIEVES SULU PROBLEM IS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR
OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND THAT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE WILL
ONLY MAKE IT WORSE.

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2. ACCORDING KOMPAS, SPOKESMAN REVEALED THAT SABAH CHIEF MINISTER TUN MUSTAPHA WAS RECENTLY IN JAKARTA ON A " PRIVATE VISIT" (REF A), ADDING THAT HE HAD PAID A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK WHO " HAPPENS TO BE A GOOD FRIEND". SPOKESMAN REFUSED TO COMMENT ON CONTENT OF DISCUSSIONS OR WHEITHER MUSTAPHA HAD CONFERRED WITH OTHER INDONESIAN OFFICIALS.

3. SPOKESMAN REFUSED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE STEPS INDON IN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL GOOD FEELING.

NOT CLEAR IF VISIT INCLUDED MORE OF SUBSTANCE THAN PUBLICLY INDICATED. LANGUAGE OF COMMUNIQUE WILL BE INTERPRETED BY BENGALEES AS SUPPORTIVE OF THEIR POSITION AND REFERENCES TO " FORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS" DOUBTLESS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED BY BDG. EGYPTIANS' PRESUMED MOTIVE OF PLEASING GOI BY PAYING ATTENTION TO INDIA' S PROTEGE ALSO PROBABLY MET BY VISIT. ZAYYAT STATEMENT AT CALCUTTA AIRPORT OPPOSING INTRODUCTION OF PAK POW QUESTION AT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE PRESUMABLY LIKEWISE AIMED MORE AT ACCOMMODATING INDIANS THAN BENGALEES.
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